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Invention: METHODS FOR THE STORAGE AND SYNTHESIS OF NUCLEIC ACIDS

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Sir:

**RESPONSE TO NOTICE OF NON-COMPLIANT AMENDMENT (RCE)**

On July 13, 2005, Applicants submitted a Request for Continued Examination (RCE), along with an Amendment, marked and unmarked copies of a Substitute Specification, a Statement that Substitute Specification Contains No New Matter, a Declaration, an Information Disclosure Statement (IDS), and related materials as listed on the Certificate of Express Mail (signed by Sharon Bizokas; Express Mail No. EV 492 340 162 US) and also as listed on the return postcard.

The return postcard was date stamped by the U.S. Patent & Trademark Office with the date, "July 13 2005," which acknowledges that the items listed thereon were filed on July 13, 2005 under 37 C.F.R. 1.10 via Express Mail. No items on the list were crossed out, which

**indicates that all items were received by the U.S. Patent & Trademark Office on July 13, 2005.**

On September 16, 2005, a Notice of Non-Compliant Amendment was mailed to Applicants. The Notice states that the Marked Copy of the Substitute Specification was not included with the items filed on July 13, 2005. Applicants respectfully submit that receipt of the Marked Copy is indicated by its listing on the return postcard without having been crossed out, in addition to the listing of the Marked Copy on the Certificate of Express Mailing pursuant to 37 C.F.R. 1.10.

Applicants submit herewith copies of the following items:

- 1) Copy of the previously submitted Marked Copy of the Substitute Specification;
- 2) Copy of the previously submitted Unmarked Copy of the Substitute Specification;
- 3) Copy of the previously submitted Substitute Specification Statement;
- 4) Copy of the previously submitted Certificate of Express Mailing;
- 5) Copy of the Express Mail slip (EV 492 340 162 US) as stamped by the U.S. Postal Service (July 13, 2005);
- 6) Copy of the date stamped (July 13 2005) return postcard with no items crossed out;
- 7) Copy of the Notice of Non-Compliant Amendment (mailed September 16, 2005).

Applicants respectfully submit that the application is, and has been, in compliance with 37 CFR 1.125(c).

## CONCLUSION

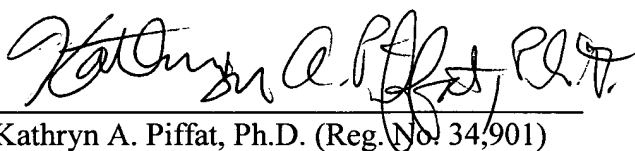
In view of the foregoing amendments and remarks, the present application is respectfully considered in condition for allowance. An early reconsideration and notice of allowance are earnestly solicited.

It is believed that all outstanding rejections have been addressed by this submission and that all the claims are in condition for allowance. If discussion of any amendment or remark made herein would advance this important case to allowance, the Examiner is invited to call the undersigned as soon as convenient.

Applicants believe that no extension of time is required. If a petition for an extension of time is required, then the Examiner is requested to treat this as a conditional petition for an extension of time. Although it is not believed that any additional fee (in addition to the fee concurrently submitted) is required to consider this submission, the Commissioner is hereby authorized to charge our deposit account no. 04-1105 should any fee be deemed necessary.

Respectfully submitted,

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